

Deputies' Meeting

Thursday, 11 December 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Hedden, Amory (for part of the meeting), [redacted]

General Smith stated he was gratified at the number of station chiefs being returned for Headquarters' duty and their replacement by Headquarters' personnel. In a discussion of replacements for station chiefs, the Director stated we should consider officers from both sides of the Agency who were mature career employees and after selection should be given a course of instruction prior to assignment as a station chief. The Director went on to say that replacements for the larger stations such as [redacted] should be selected from the AD level and the incumbents at these stations serve tours of duty at Headquarters on the Assistant Director or Deputy Assistant Director level. The Director then briefly discussed a replacement for [redacted] assignment in Headquarters.

Mr. Dulles:

[redacted]

[redacted]

Mr. Wisner:

a. Stated that [redacted] would be up the first part of the year and recommended that he be replaced by [redacted]. The DCI approved. Mr. Wisner, in response to a query from the Director concerning [redacted] that consideration was being given [redacted]. After some discussion, the Director stated he should be put in another division in order to

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Mr. Wisner (Cont'd.)

learn a new area. In connection with a replacement [redacted] 25X1
that two individuals were under consideration, [redacted]
aspect and the other to handle the administration. The Director noted he had
seen no signs in the reduction of administrators as a result of the "consolidation"
and asked Mr. Wolf when he would be able to report at least a 25% decrease. 25X1
Mr. Wolf replied that both he and [redacted] were working on this.

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b. Reported that both State and Defense were playing the scenario in regard 25X1
to the [redacted] matter as we had indicated and, in fact, a cable had been sent to
[redacted] advising him to join the team and play ball with [redacted]

c. Reported that the interrogation of [redacted] was going forward and he would 25X1
be "out" as directed by the close of business today.

d. Referred to the discussion at yesterday's Deputies' Meeting concerning 25X1
the designation by the U.S. Joint Chiefs of a clandestine operating committee
under the Standing Group and recommended that CIA participate in an "observer
capacity only". The DCI approved.

[redacted] 25X6

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